

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction action requiring restriction between the following three groups:

Group I - Claims 1-4, drawn to a protein and a process for the extraction of a protein, classified in claim 530, subclass 300.

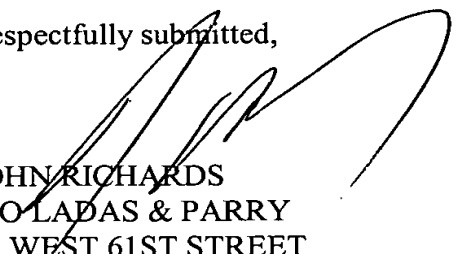
Group II - Claim 5, drawn to a method of treating diabetes, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

Group III - Claim 6, drawn to a method of making a hypoglycemic composition, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

Applicants respectfully traverse this requirement. The method claim of Group II comprises treating diabetes mellitus comprising administering the protein defined in the claims of Group I. The method claim of Group III comprises manufacturing a hypoglycemic composition comprising the protein defined in the claims of Group I. A full search of Group I should reveal the relevant art with respect to Groups II and III. However, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants wish to make a provisional election of Group I (claims 1-4 drawn to a protein).

Applicants preserve all rights to file one or more divisional applications for the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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